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SUBJ: LIKUD AND GUSH SETTLEMENT PLANS FOR WEST BANK

REFS: A. TEL AVIV 010856Y, B. TEL AVIV 010631Y, C. JERUSALEM 0877

1. KOL ISRAEL REPORTED JULY 1 THAT THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT IS PLANNING NEW SETTLEMENTS OR EXPANSION OF EXISTING SETTLEMENTS AT SEVERAL WEST BANK SITES AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE ROADS. (REF.A). THE PLANNING IS BEING DONE BY THE SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY. CONSULATIONS HAVE REPORTEDLY ALREADY BEEN HELD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTRY. (COMMENT: AGMIN SHARON ALSO HEADS GOI INTER-MINISTERIAL SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE). HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT DISCUSS THE PLANS UNTIL BEGIN RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON.

2. PROPOSED SITES ARE:

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A. ET TAIYIBA. (COMMENT: PROBABLY THE SITE IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE WEST BANK (3131N, 3511 E.) RATHER THAN ET TAIYIBA ON THE RAMALLAH-JERICHO RAOD (3157 N., 3518 E.) SINCE FORMER SITE HAS ALREADY BEEN DESIGNATED FOR SETTLEMENT BY JEWISH AGENCY PLANNERS IN CONTEXT OF ALLON PLAN.)

B. MASHAH. (COMMENT: SETTLED MAY, 1977 BY GUSH EMUNIM ACTIVISTS. NOW INHABITED BY ABOUT 60 PERSONS. JEWISH AGENCY PLANS CALL FOR 500 HOUSING UNITS EVENTUALLY.)

C. BAYT SIRA. (COMMENT: PROBABLY HITHERTO UNNAMED SETTLEMENT IN NO MAN'S LAND OF LATRUN SALIENT AT 3153 N., 3501 E. SITE PREPARATION BEGIN IN JUNE, 1977.)

D. MA'ALE ADUMIM. (COMMENT: INDUSTRIAL ZONE LOCATED ON THE JERUSALEM-JERICHO ROAD. OUTGOING CHAIRMAN OF INTER-MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE GALILI RECENTLY RECOMMENDED EXPANDING IT INTO A FULL-FLEDGE INDUSTRIAL SUBURB OF 5,000 DWELLINGS).

E. GIVON, ACCORDING TO ENGLISH REPORT. (COMMENT: HEBREW NAME FOR ARABIC VILLAGE OF JIB 3151 N., 3511 E. ABOUT 5 KM, SOUTH OF RAMALLAH. SITE, WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE PROPOSED NORTHERN ROAD TO LINK JERUSALEM WITH THE COAST, HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN PROSED BY THE HOUSING MINISTRY OF THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT FOR AN URBAN SETTLEMENT.)

F. OR, IEQO'A, ACCORDING TO HEBREW REPORT. (COMMENT: NOW A NAHAL SETTLEMENT SOUTHWEST OF CONFIDENTIAL

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BETHLEHEM. IT SEEMS LESS LIKELY THAN GIVON AS IT WOULD BE BADLY PLACED FOR AN URBAN SETTLEMENT.)

3. OF FIVE PROPOSED ROADS, THREE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY REPORTED:

A. FROM KFAR QASSEM EAST TO MA'ALE EFRAYIM.

B. FROM JERUSALEM NORTHWEST TO THE COAST.

C. FROM JERUSALEM SOUTH TO KFAR ETZION AND BE'ER SHEVA.

4. SUBSEQUENTLY, KOL ISRAEL REPORTED PLANNING UNDERWAY FOR NEW SETTLEMENT AT YATTIR (ARABIC TOWN OF YATTAH) SOUTH OF HEBRON AS THE FIRST OF A GROUP OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE AREA. (REF B).

5. GUSH EMUNIM PLANS. ACCORDING TO VOA CORRESPONDENT WHO RECENTLY INTERVIEWED GUSH EMUNIM SPOKESMAN, THE GUSH PLANS TO SETTLE IMMINENTLY AT DOTHAN (NEAR JENIN), SHILO (BETWEEN NABLUS AND RAMALLAH), BEIT EL (NORTH OF RAMALLAH), ABU QARNAYN (BETWEEN

NABLUS AND QALQILYA) SHOMRON (SOMEWHERE EAST OF ABU QARNAYN), JERICHO AND YATTA. SITES, ALL SUPPOSEDLY CONTROLLED BY GOD, HAVE BEEN SURVEYED FOR SUITABLE LAND AND WATER SUPPLY. SETTLEMENT NUCLEI ARE FORMED.

6. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR YATTAH, THE SETTLEMENT PLANS ANNOUNCED BY THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT DO NOT DIFFER FROM PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INTENTIONS OF THE LABOR GOVERNMENT (REF C). ALSO, EXCEPT FOR YATTAH, THEY ARE DISTINCT FROM SETTLEMENT OBJECTIVES OF THE GUSH EMUNIM. WHETHER THE GUSH WILL GO AHEAD AND FOUND UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENTS IS PROBLEMATIC. MORE THAN ONE ISRAELI ACTIVIST HAS TOLD US THAT HE SEES NO NEED TO PRESSURE
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THE LIKUD GOVERNMENT. "THEY ARE US (SIC)." HOW-
EVER, IF THE GOI DELAYS, THE LONGER IT DOES SO,
THE MORE PRESSURE WILL GROW FROM THE EXTREMISTS.
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